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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. You may have to come up here, Senator Chambers. I don't know of any other way we can run this until we can find out why the mikes aren't working. They are all dead. This will be in keeping with Senator Chambers' idea of keeping us all in good shape by running up to the microphone, isn't that right, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes. Members of the Legislature, the reason for this amendment that I am offering to Senator Bereuter's motion is so that we can get to the issues that we feel are very important and essential to each of us. I think with some of the committee priorities as they have been called a majority of the committee did not vote for those priority bills. But I am wondering if even on the one that Senator Bereuter is talking about a majority of the committee went for that particular bill. When we were...can you all hear? They can hear. What was that, Senator Stoney? Oh, he said unfortunately. But whenever we have something which is a greater load than we can carry, it is unfortunate that that load is put on us but I will try to soften it up some. But in reality, there is nothing sanctified about the committee bills that were the bills that came out of committees as priority. Because of what the Speaker was attempting to do, there was no choice but for certain of the committees they felt to come up with a priority bill. Some committees...

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Let's have some, it is very difficult to hear. It is difficult enough with the problem of microphones. Let's pay some attention to the speakers or we will just have to go at ease until we get the microphones fixed so we will waste another half a day.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mind, Mr. Speaker. I am accustomed to the Legislature. This is my seventh year.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Okay, proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We all know what matters we consider to be important. We all know that the legislative process is one of giving consideration when patience allows to other people who have matters of importance to them. The particular measure that Senator Bereuter has in mind is of importance to him but there are some questions about the way that bill got to the floor anyway that have never been resolved in my mind so I am not in a position at this time to say that taking committee bills, which were named as priority committee bills, was done in a fair and proper and equitable manner, but if we get to the bills that the individuals have taken, the only one responsible for selecting that bill and making it a choice is the individual whose name is attached to it as a priority measure. I think that if we are going to deviate from the Speaker's order again, and we are toward the end of the session now, we ought to go ahead and make it a matter where each individual can try to have his or her bill placed in a position where it can be acted on this session. I know of efforts underfoot now by certain individuals, and I will join the parade, to have their bills, their individual priorities, put into a position where they can be acted on. Okay, is it back? I am not going to take much more time. I have a bill that I think is very important not to me but to the rural people who are trying to get a decent system of justice, but by